

**National Board Certification
Candidate Subsidy Fund
Application
Deadline to Apply: December 1**

Funds are available to offset the \$2,500 registration fee to become National Board Certified (NBC) through the Iowa Department of Education. First-time NBC candidates can be subsidized for up to one-half of the fee. The funds will be prorated if the number of applicants exceeds the available funding. Subsidy funds cannot be allocated to a candidate who has previously utilized subsidy funding. The subsidy fee will not be paid until the deadline to withdraw from the National Board Certification process. To apply, please review the following steps:

Step 1: Review the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) eligibility criteria at <http://www.nbpts.org/candidate-center>

Step 2: Review the following Iowa Department of Education's (DE) criteria.

Teachers eligible for the registration fee reimbursement program shall meet all of the following qualifications:

- a) The individual has all qualifications required by NBPTS for application for certification. b) The individual is a teacher.
- c) The individual is employed by a school district in Iowa.
- d) The individual receives a salary as a classroom teacher.
- e) The individual completes the department's application process, which includes submitting verification of NBC registration.
- f) The individual has not received reimbursement from this program at any previous time.

It is possible for teachers residing out-of-state to qualify for the financial incentives if they meet the above qualifications. Teachers are not required to be Iowa residents. They are required to be teaching students in an Iowa school district.

Step 3: Apply to be an NBC candidate online at http://www.nbpts.org/become_a_candidate/apply_now1 (Be sure to print a copy of your application, as you will need to send a copy to the DE.)

Note: Be sure to include your email address on the application form. All correspondence will be done by email.

Step 4: To begin candidacy and in order for the Iowa Department of Education to pay the subsidy fee, you will need to pay a **nonrefundable** initial \$500 fee before the December 1 deadline. There is also a \$65 processing charge required at the time of application submission. This fee is separate from the registration fee and is also nonrefundable.

**Do not send any money to the Iowa Department of Education.
Follow the NBPTS procedures for payment.**

Step 5: Mail the attached application form and a copy of your NBC online application to:

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